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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF MALAWIAN NATIONAL

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON MRS. MABEL (CLEMENT) SIKWESE FROM CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND FORMER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE.

2. DESCRIBED AS BRILLIANT, ARTICULATE, HARD WORKING, SHE BEGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK AT MAGOMERO CD CENTRE ON RETURN FROM US IN 1971. SHE SUBSEQUENTLY WAS PROMOTED TO HOME ECONOMICS SUPERVISOR FOR MALAWI CENTRAL REGION, BASED IN LIL-ONGWE, AND ATTAINED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN DRAWING RESPONSE FROM WOMEN OF NINE SUBSIDIARY DISTRICTS. IN MID-1974 SHE WAS ACCUSED OF WRITING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION ABROAD CRITICAL OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE MALAWI SELF-HELP PROGRAM; ESPECIALLY THOSE IN WHICH PARTY YOUTH (YOUNG POINEERS) PARTICIPATED. SHE WAS DETAINED FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1974, DISMISSED FROM GOVERNMENT, RELEASED FROM DETENTION AFTER ONE MONTH AND HAS SOUGHT WORK IN MALAWI SINCE THEN WITHOUT SUCCESS. SOURCE HAS NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF HER OVERSTRESSING FAMILY PLANNING BUT CONSIDERS FP WOULD HAVE BEEN NATURAL PART OF HER OVERALL APPROACH TO HER FIELD.

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